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SUBJECT: PROTEST BOMBINGS GREET NEW GOVERNMENT

REF: ISTANBUL 2392

1. AS ANTICIPATED REFTEL, FORMATION OF CONSERVATIVE COALITION GOVERNMENT HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL SPARKED VIOLENT PROTEST FROM LEFTIST MILITANTS. AUGUST 2 EDITIONS OF NEWSPAPERS REPORT OVER A DOZEN BOMBINGS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF ISTANBUL DURING NIGHT IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. POLICE TELL US THERE WERE FIFTEEN IN ALL. NUMBER OF BRANCH OFFICES OF BANKS WERE HIT IN ADDITION TO A NATIONAL ACTION PARTY (NAP) OFFICE AND AT LEAST ONE PRIVATE RESIDENCE. BOMBS WERE ALL APPARENTLY SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WHICH SHATTERED WINDOWS BUT OTHERWISE DID LITTLE DAMAGE AND INJURED NO ONE. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, NO AMCITS OR U.S. PROPERTY WERE AFFECTED. GROUP CALLING ITSELF MARXIST-LENINIST ARMED PROPAGANDA UNIT, WHICH HAS CARRIED OUT NUMEROUS BOMBINGS IN CITY OVER PAST YEAR, CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR AUGUST 1 INCIDENTS. IN CALLS TO SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS

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AND POLICE, MEMBERS OF GROUP REPORTEDLY STATED "ISTANBUL WILL BE SHAKEN WITH BOMBS" IN PROTEST OVER SECOND NATIONAL FRONT GOVERNMENT'S COMING TO POWER. ACCORDING TO ONE ACCOUNT, CALLS CAME AROUND 8:00 P.M. AND BOMBS BEGAN GOING OFF IN WIDELY DISPERSED PARTS OF CITY FROM 10:00 TO 11:30 P.M.

2. ALTHOUGH MULTIPLE BOMBINGS ARE NOTHING NEW FOR CITY,

COORDINATED BOMBINGS OF THIS SCALE ARE NEW DEVELOPMENT IN  
ISTANBUL. FACT THAT SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF DEVICES COULD BE  
SET, APPARENTLY WITHOUT DETECTION, TO EXPLODE AT APPROXIMATELY  
SAME TIME AT SUCH SCATTERED LOCATIONS INDICATES GROUP RESPONSIBLE  
HAS REACHED RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL OF ORGANIZATION AND MAY HAVE  
SIZEABLE MEMBERSHIP. FRUSTRATION FELT BY LEFTISTS AT  
FAILURE OF REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY (RPP) TO FORM GOVERNMENT  
AND PROSPECT OF CONTINUED RIGHT-OF-CENTER GOVERNMENT WHICH  
IS ANATHEMA TO LEFTIST YOUTH MAY WELL SWELL RANKS OF EXTREMIST  
GROUPS SUCH AS MARXIST-LENINIST ARMED PROPAGANDA UNIT.  
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